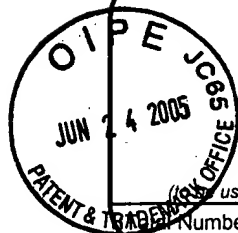
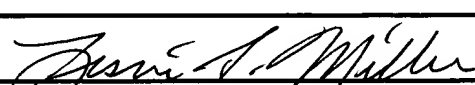
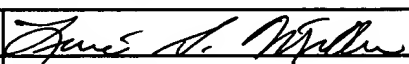


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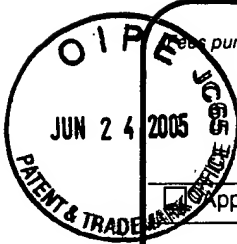
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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2004, reconsideration of the application in view of the enclosed remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of three months in responding to the Office Action dated December 22, 2004, on the above-identified application. The extension

extends the time to respond from March 22, 2005, to June 22, 2005, and this petition, together with this Response and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Response to be submitted six months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for a large entity, which is a \$1020.00 extension fee for response within the third month. Since after the Response, 30 claims remain pending, of which 6 are independent, and since in the application 30 claims were paid for, of which 6 were independent, no additional fee for claims is believed to be due.

The total thus due for this Response is \$1020.00, and a check for the \$1020.00 for the extension fee and the Petition for Revival is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Response, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Response.